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SUBJECT: MTN MEAT SUBGROUP MEETING, JUNE 26

THE TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING
POSITION PAPER (TPSC 78-82) FOR THE MEETING OF THE MTN
SUBGROUP ON MEAT, JUNE 26.

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1. PROBLEM. THE SUBGROUP WILL MEET DURING THE WEEK OF
JUNE 26 TO PUT IN SUBSTANTIALLY FINAL FORM THE TEXT OF
AN INTERNATIONAL MEAT ARRANGEMENT (REVISION 4). SINCE
THE BILATERAL REQUEST/OFFER NEGOTIATIONS ON MEAT WILL NOT
HAVE BEEN RESOLVED IN THE INTERIM, NOR WILL MAJOR ISSUES
RELEVANT TO MEAT HAVE BEEN SORTED OUT IN EITHER PROPOSED
STANDARDS OR SUBSIDIES CODE, SOME ISSUES IN THE DRAFT

ARRANGEMENT MAY STILL BE DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE AT THIS POINT.

2. U.S. OBJECTIVES. U.S. OBJECTIVES ARE UNCHANGED FROM THE LAST TWO MEETINGS (TPSC 78-23 AND 78-54). IN ADDITION, WE WILL BE ATTEMPTING IN THIS MEETING TO FINALIZE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE A MEAT ARRANGEMENT WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. IN MID-JULY - I.E. ESSENTIALLY AN INFORMATION/CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENT.

3. POSITION.

(A) THE U.S. DEL SHOULD DRAW ON PREVIOUS GUIDANCE IN SEEKING TO WORK OUT THE TEXT OF AN AGREEMENT THAT WILL PERMIT THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL MEAT COUNCIL TO ACT AS THE PRINCIPAL FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND FOR CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING WORLD BEEF TRADE. AS INDICATED PARA 2, STATE 109368, THE INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION PROVISIONS ARE ALREADY GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. DEL SHOULD USE DISCRETION AND NEGOTIATE ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES ON AN AD REFERENDUM BASIS.

(B) U.S. DEL SHOULD ALSO WORK AS APPROPRIATE WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS TO HAVE DELETED PROVISIONS THAT (A) WOULD IMPINGE ON COUNTRIES' GATT RIGHTS OR OBLIGATIONS, OR (B) ARE SO CONTROVERSIAL THAT THEIR INCLUSION WOULD PREVENT AGREEMENT ON THE PART OF KEY MEAT TRADING COUNTRIES. IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICULAR, DEL SHOULD FOLLOW PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING CONCERTED DISCIPLINES (STATE 109368, PARA 1 OF DISCUSSION). IF EC CONTINUE TO INSIST ON THIS PROVISION AS FORMULATED IN REV. 4 AND PREVIOUS TEXTS, U.S. DEL SHOULD CONTINUE TO RESERVE PENDING INTENSIVE U.S.-EC BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IN PERIOD REMAINING BEFORE JULY 15.

(C) REGARDING INCLUSION OF LIVE CATTLE AND EDIBLE OFFALS (GENEVA 7052, PARA 12), U.S. RESERVATION MAY BE LIFTED INsofar AS COVERAGE BY INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION PROVISIONS IS CONCERNED. HOWEVER, U.S. CONTINUES TO RESERVE ITS POSITION ON INCLUSION OF LIVE CATTLE AND EDIBLE OFFALS IN ARTICLES V AND VI, AS FORMULATED.

(D) REGARDING CODE-TYPE PROVISIONS, U.S. OPPOSITION CONTINUES SINCE COUNTRIES HAVE NOT COME FORWARD WITH CONVINCING REASONS WHY SUCH ARE NEEDED SEPARATELY IN A MEAT AGREEMENT.

4. DISCUSSION.

(A) U.S. RATIONALE FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON A MEAT ARRANGEMENT CONTINUES TO BE THAT EXPRESSED IN THE OBJECTIVES SECTION OF

TPSC 78-23. INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION APPEARS TO BE THE ONLY VIABLE BASIS FOR SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT SINCE THE CLASSIC ECONOMIC PROVISIONS OF COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS -- BUFFER STOCKS, MARKETING QUOTAS, REGULATORY OR INDICATIVE PRICE PROVISIONS, ETC. -- MAKE NO ECONOMIC SENSE IN THIS SECTOR. MOREOVER, THE U.S. IS NOT PREPARED TO JEOPARDIZE ITS COMPETITIVE EXPORT POTENTIAL FOR HIGH-QUALITY BEEF BY AGREEING TO A SUPRA (OR MODIFIED) GATT REGIME OF CONCERTED DISCIPLINES BASED ON PRINCIPLES OF "ORDERLY AND REGULAR MARKETING" AND BILATERAL PRICE ASSURANCES.

FYI: THE U.S. CONTINUES TO BELIEVE, AS IN THE DAIRY SUB-GROUP, THAT NOTHING IN THE DRAFT ARRANGEMENT SHOULD PREJUDICE COUNTRIES' GATT RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS. THUS WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD SUPPORT INCLUSION OF NEGOTIATED COMMITMENTS IN THE ANNEX FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY, BUT WOULD OPPOSE THEIR INCLUSION AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE ARRANGEMENT BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBLE USE OF ARTICLE 20(H) AS A LOOPHOLE FROM GATT OBLIGATIONS.

(B) THE ISSUE OF CODE-TYPE PROVISIONS MAY PROVE TO BE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT IN VIEW OF THE STRONG VIEWS OF ARGENTINA CONCERNING STANDARDS AND THE FACT THAT ACCEPTABLE GENERAL CODES COVERING SAFEGUARDS AND AGRICULTURAL EXPORT SUBSIDIES ARE STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION. CONCERNING THE FORMER, THE U.S. CANNOT ACCEPT THE RATIONALE PRESENTED AT THE LAST SUBGROUP MEETING (GENEVA 7052, PARA 6).ARTICLE XX IS NOT STANDARDS CODE LOOPHOLE; WE DO, OF COURSE, SUPPORT IMPROVED PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT STANDARDS ARE NOT USED AS UNJUSTIFIABLE NTBS. ARGENTINA HAS NOT DEMONSTRATED WHY THE PROPOSED STANDARDS CODE PROCEDURES ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR MEAT AS FOR OTHER PRODUCTS.

(C) CONCERNING SAFEGUARDS AND SUBSIDIES, WE SEE NO FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO LOOKING TOWARD THE OUTCOME OF GENERAL CODE NEGOTIATIONS.

IF THE ULTIMATE OUTCOME OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD PROVE TO BE UNSATISFACTORY, WE WILL HAVE TO REASSESS OUR POSITION AT THAT TIME.

(D) CONCERNING THE AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL FOR CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS (ARTICLE 5, PARA 3 OF REV. 4), THE U.S. DEL MAY REITERATE PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS (TPSC 78-54, PARA 4 OF RECOMMENDATIONS). FYI: SINCE AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL WOULD COMMIT COUNTRIES ONLY TO "SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS", WE NEED NOT REJECT PROPOSAL ON THE BASIS OF CURRENT LACK OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY. THE PROPOSAL IS NOT, HOWEVER,
LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED BY OTHER COUNTRIES. END FYI.

(E) ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT (ARTICLE V, PARA 5), THE U.S.
DEL SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE POSITION PROVIDED FOR THE
DAIRY SUBGROUP. VANCE

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